GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA

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SHORT SUPPLY OF PETROLEUM PRODUCTS FROM BPCL DEPOT, REWARI
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that the caliberation tower of BPCL depot at Rewari and Panipat have been found giving short delivery of petroleum products in each tanker;

(b) if so, the corrective measures taken to avoid this situation in future;

(c) whether the BPCL propose to compensate the dealers/consumers for their loss due to this said short delivery;

(d) if not, whether the dealers can follow the process of pure for sure in the situation of receipt of short supplies;

(e) if not, the corrective steps taken/to be taken by the corporation;

(f) whether there is a provision to pour six litres products extra in each tanker of 12 KL to ensure correct and exact delivery of product to consumers; and

(g) if so, whether this procedure was followed while giving delivery of petroleum products in Panipat Depot of BPCL ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRIMATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN)

(a) to (e) : Calibration towers of standard measures provided at most locations have been calibrated and stamped by Weights & Measures (W&M) Department of State Government. This facility helps in calibration of tankers. At BPCL Rewari Depot, the calibration Tower was calibrated and stamped on 13.06.2003 by W&M Department, Government of Haryana.On receiving a complaint from one of the dealers, the calibration tower was verified by W&M Department on 08.07.2003 when it was found that 3 litres per 1000 litres was being delivered short which was beyond permissible limit. Hence the tower was re-calibrated on the same day and since then the calibration tower and tankers have been in use and there have been no complaints from dealers/transporters.

At BPCL Panipat Depot, the calibration tower was calibrated and stamped on 03.03.2003 by W&M Department, Government of Haryana. At the instance of few dealers, W&M Department verified the calibration tower on 17.08.2003 when the calibration was found to be correct. The calibration tower and tankers have been in use since then and there have been no further complaints from dealers/transporters.

(f)) & (g) : Quantity of petroleum products is delivered as per the calibrated quantity of tanker and there is no practice to deliver extra quantity over and above the calibrated quantity.